Sabotage related offences under Sections 150 to 152) after the amendment of the Railways Act, 1989 *w.e.f* July, 2004.

To prevent male passengers from traveling in female comparmtnets forcibly and occupying seats meant for female passengers, regular drives are conducted against entry of male passengers in the ladies compartments. In all 31,352 male persons were apprehended and prosecuted by Railway Protections Force (RPF) over zonal railways while found travelling in ladies compartments during the period from 1st January, 2006 to 30th June, 2006 under section 162 of the Railways Act. Out of which 30,151 persons were convicted and an amount of Rs. 41,93,903/- has been realised from them as fine.

Kayamkulam as model railway station

† 313. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kayamkulam railway station was declared as **a** model railway station and a railway junction by the previous Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds since has been allocated for the further development of this station;

(d) if so, the details of the funds, released so far; and

(e) the details of the development work undertaken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a; and (b) Yes, Sir. Kayankulam has been declared as a Model Station in 2003. At the time of opening of the station itself, Kayankulam was declared as Junction.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) So far, Rs. 45.21 lakh has been spent at this station.

(e) The details of development works so far undertaken at this station under Plan Head Passenger Amenities are:—

(i) the work extension of Platform No. 2 for 48M and 32M on either end.

(ii) construction of station building.

(iii) Provision of platform shelter.

A work of extension of platform to hold 24 coaches has been sanctioned during the year 2006-07 at a cost of Rs. 5.83 lakh.

Tickets under Tatkal Scheme

1314. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers buying tickets under Tatkal Scheme were previously issued confirmed tickets whereas now even wait-listed tickets are also being issued under that scheme; and

(b) if so, what is the justification of charging Tatkal rates from such wait-listed passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Priority allotment is given to passengers put on waiting list in Tatkal Scheme, against cancellation of Tatkal tickets and unutilized quotas. Moreover, Tatkal waiting list and general waiting list passengers are provided accommodation against cancellation alternately.

Direct train from Sheikhpura and Nawada to New Delhi

1315. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct train from sheikhpura and Nawada to New Delhi;

(b) whether there is any proposal to start train from Bhagalpur to New Delhi *via* Kiul-Gaya route;

(c) if so, by when the train is going to be introduced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.